

### **REMARKS**

Claims 6-14 have been cancelled. Claims 1-5 have been amended and are now pending for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants request Examiner's reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

#### **Rejection based on 35 USC § 112:**

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 first paragraph and second paragraph for the reasons set forth on page 2-8 of the Office Action. Applicants have amended claims 1-4 to delete the term "prodrug thereof". Applicants believe the rejections therefore do not apply to the amended claims 1-4 and request that it be withdrawn.

#### **Rejection based on 35 USC § 103:**

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 over *Sarges et al*, for the reasons set forth on page 8-10 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to exclude the compounds of formula (I) wherein R<sup>a</sup> is H, R<sup>b</sup> is H or isopropyl and R<sup>1</sup> is halogen. Claims 2-3 depend from claim 1. Claim 4 has been amended to delete the first, second and fourth compounds in the list accordingly. Applicants believe that the claims 1-4 as amended are not obvious over *Sarges et al* and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

#### **Allowable subject matter:**

Claim 5-9 were considered eligible for rejoinder upon amendments of claims 1-4 as set forth on page 10 of the Office Action. Claim 5 is rejoined and also amended to delete the terms "prodrug thereof". Claims 6-9 have been cancelled.

Claims 2-4 have also been amended to correct antecedent bases.

#### **Conclusion:**

In light of the preceding remarks of this Response, Applicants believe that all claims pending are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be issued timely. If the above remarks are not to the satisfaction of the Examiner, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

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